

A ST. LOUIS BANK ROBBED.

Several Thousand Dollars Missing, but the Thief Has Not Yet Been Detected.

THEORY AS TO HOW IT WAS MANAGED.

One of the Bank Employees Under Suspicion—Every Effort Is Being Made by the Detectives and Bank Officials to Keep the Details of the Robbery a Secret.

St. Louis, Aug. 25.—The Chronicle publishes a story to the effect that one of the largest banks in St. Louis has been systematically and regularly robbed for the past two months, and in the effort to capture the culprit or culprits extraordinary precautions have been observed by both the bank officials and the detective department. Not an inkling of the alleged shortage and the ensuing surveillance by the police has been allowed to escape. How much money has been stolen is not yet definitely known. Some of the amounts stolen were reported to the police as follows:

Amounts Stolen.
June 1, stolen from vault \$500 in silver dollars.
June 18, stolen from vault \$175.
July 21, stolen from vault \$71.
July 28, stolen from vault \$90.
August 10, stolen from vault \$90.
There are eight other items in the total, and their amounts will, it is thought, swell the sum of money missing to thousands of dollars.
According to the best information obtainable, the police and bank officials being very reticent, the aggregate of the sums stolen reaches into five figures. This same business source has it that private detectives were placed on the case after the first theft was discovered, but their work was so unsatisfactory that Chief of Detectives Desmond was called into consultation by the cashier of the bank. The cashier had no explanation to make. He only knew that on the morning of June 2, when the cashier's vault was opened, one of the canvas sacks that contained \$500 was found empty. The sack was in its usual place, but the cord fastening the neck had been severed and lay beside it, and not one of the bright, new silver dollars it had contained was to be found.

No Evidence Found.
There was no evidence that the time lock had been tampered with, nor was there a sign of a mark on either the outer or inner steel walls.

All was mystery.
Four of Chief Desmond's best men were promptly put at work, and their orders were to spare neither time, pains nor expense.

As a result one of the bank employees is now under constant surveillance.

The Cashier's Vault.
The cashier's vault, in which the money is kept, is built next to the bookkeeper's vault. Both are considered burglar and fire-proof. No one but the cashier has access to the former.

To the bookkeeper's safe all the clerks and the day and night watchman had the privilege of entrance. No harm was thought of this, as the vaults were believed to be completely separated by secure walls.

But the detectives discovered a flaw. Between the two receptacles is a steel wall, or rather partition. It consists, so the informant states, of innumerable steel vertical bars crossed at intervals by horizontal steels. So close are the upright bars that it is almost impossible to thrust a darning needle between them. But the lower horizontal bar is fully an inch and a half from the concrete floor, and this gave the sleuths a clew.

Careful study provoked a theory as to the thievery.

The Theory.
The thief or thieves would enter the bookkeeper's vault, lay flat on the floor, and, wire in hand, reach in under the lower parallel bar. The wire had a hook at the end, and this served to pull the sack of bullion up to the partition. Then the hand would be inserted, a knife would sever the cord, and out would roll the money.

Looking for the Thief.

The method fathomed all the detectives began searching for the culprit. Every clerk and every employee was shadowed. His home life was studied and his habits investigated. One man seemed more prone to suspicion than the others. His salary was not large, and up to the time of the first theft the bank had reason to believe he was in debt, on account of the numerous creditors who presented themselves at the bank.

After the first theft their demands ceased. Therefore this employee was figured as the one wanted, but thus far it has been impossible to fasten the robbery on him.

Will Still Fight the Cubans.

MADRID, Aug. 25.—At the cabinet council held Tuesday night, Gen. Corrales, minister of war, read a telegram from Capt. Gen. Blanco, in which he informs the government that the Cuban insurgents continue attacking the Spanish everywhere. In consequence of this report, the council instructed Gen. Blanco to resume an offensive attitude toward the insurgents only.

Secretary Alger Gone to Camp Wikoff.
NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Secretary of War Alger, who arrived in town Tuesday night from Washington, left the Fifth Avenue hotel at 7:40 a. m. on his way to Camp Wikoff.

Nominated for Congress.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 25.—A special to the Bee from Norfolk says: The republicans of the Third Nebraska district nominated W. F. Norris, of Wayne, for congress.

OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

The post office at Industry, Ill., was robbed of \$265.

Constable Abbott, of Wichita Falls, Tex., was assassinated by unknown parties.

Friction between the Americans and the insurgents in the Philippines is vanishing.

Maj.-Gen. Merritt has cabled to the war department that he will not need any more troops.

Commodore Schley, who is ill at Westport, Conn., is reported by his wife to be improving rapidly.

Esther Walther, two years old, was instantly killed at St. Louis by a heavy bath-tub falling on her.

The losses from Monday's conflagration at Carterville, Ill., will, it is thought, aggregate \$250,000.

Mark Gill, a brakeman for the Santa Fe road, was killed near Wynnewood, I. T., by falling between the cars.

Wiley Heigh, aged 60, a prominent citizen and contractor of Pine Bluff, Ark., was found dead in bed Tuesday morning.

Herman F. Walker, a Burlington (Ia.) letter-carrier, has been arrested and has confessed to stealing valuable mail matter.

W. E. Harry, Sr., a veteran of the civil war, died, Tuesday, at Charleston, Ill. He was a member of the Eighth Illinois volunteers.

At Haybaw, Ga., Fletcher Bush stabbed to death George Corbett during church services. Bush is a member of a prominent family.

Business men of Canton, Ill., have raised sufficient money to insure the holding of a big free street fair for four days early in October.

Electric wires started a fire in the Western Union building at Quincy, Ill., Tuesday night. The greatest loss was from smoke and water.

Mrs. George N. Curzon, nee Leiter, wife of the newly-appointed viceroy of India, was accouched of a daughter at the Priory, Reigate, Tuesday.

At Sturgeon, Mo., Robert L. Moore, aged 41, while driving cattle, was thrown from his horse and sustained injuries from which he died four hours later.

James Goode has been taken to Guthrie, Okla., from the Osage nation, and lodged in the federal jail, charged with murdering his step-father, William Moore.

Mrs. M. J. Parrish, aged 78, died at her residence in Richmond, Ill., Tuesday. She was one of the pioneers of Washington county, and a prominent church worker.

Geo. L. Smith's livery barn and Ben Johnson's feed stable, near Butler, Mo., were burned Thursday night. Eighteen mules and a quantity of hay and feed were destroyed.

A six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Jackson, residing at Ingham, Ill., fell head foremost into a kettle of boiling soap, resulting in death within a few hours.

C. A. Sprague's store at Benedict, a few miles west of Chanute, Kas., was robbed, and checks amounting to \$300, mostly railroad pay checks, a gold watch and \$65 were taken.

A farm hand named Ballard, who was bitten by a dog near Hallettsville, Tex., several weeks ago, died Tuesday night in agony. Several other persons in the same neighborhood were bitten by the dog.

MORE BLOODY FIGHTING.

A Reported Insurgent Defeat in the Vizcayas Islands—A Number of Chiefs Captured and Shot.

MADRID, Aug. 25.—The government has received a dispatch from Gen. Rios, governor of the Vizcayas islands, and the successor of Gen. Jaudenes in the governor-generalship of the Philippines, saying that there has been bloody fighting between the Spaniards and the insurgent with an estimated loss to the latter of 500 men. The Spanish losses were "unimportant."

The dispatch says that a number of the insurgent chiefs were captured and shot. A sergeant of gendarmes who attempted to incite a rising against the authorities barely escaped lynching at the hands of the populace. He was turned over to the courts and shot.

TAKING A LONG RIDE.

From Lowell, Mass., to San Francisco by Wheel by December 1, to Comply with the Terms of a Wager.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 25.—E. Victor Sergeant and Robert McKisson, both of Lowell, passed through this city Tuesday evening on bicycles on their way to San Francisco, which place they must reach by December 1, without the assistance of railroad or steamboat conveyance, to satisfy a wager made by the members of the Vesper Country club of Lowell.

The Auxiliary Cruisers St. Louis and St. Paul.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25.—The United States auxiliary cruiser St. Louis has arrived at Cramp's ship yards. The St. Paul, the sister ship of the St. Louis, is already at Cramp's. It is thought two months will elapse before the great ocean greyhounds will be in condition to be returned to the International Navigation Co.

Four Futile Shots.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25.—Joseph Mayer, aged 15, came all the way from New York to kill his father, Dr. Ignatius Mayer, who had secured a divorce in Oklahoma. Joseph took four pot shots at the old man from a second-story window, but they all went wild, and now Joseph languishes in the cell of a police station.

Quarreled with Her Stepmother and then Took Poison.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 27.—Leola Gray, aged 20, came from Columbia, Mo., to visit her stepmother, quarreled with the latter, took a big dose of morphine, and the chances are that she will die.

THE TROUBLES AT PANAMA.

Arrival of a Large Consignment of Negroes, and a New Chapter Will Now Open.

RUSHED OUT TO THE SPRINGFIELD MINE.

The Union Men Had No Opportunity to Labor With Them—Guarded by 125 Deputy Sheriffs Armed With Winchesters—The Governor Appealed to and Will Send State Mine Inspectors.

PANAMA, Ill., Aug. 25.—Sheriff Coburn assembled 125 deputies at the city hall, swore all in and gave them instructions to reassemble, armed with Winchesters, and meet a number of negroes expected to arrive from Alabama to work here in the coal mines.

Ten negroes arrived in Panama Tuesday night to take the place of white miners here who have been on strike for several months.

A Batch of Negroes Induced to Leave.
The negroes were escorted to the city limits by a committee of miners and induced to leave town. The strikers are being reinforced by union miners from all over the state. The strikers assembled near the Illinois Central railway tracks in large bodies, awaiting the arrival of the negroes.

Arrival of the Alabama Coons.
During the day a special train arrived in Panama from Birmingham, Ala., with 200 negroes. The train was rushed through the city to the Springfield coal mine, outside the city limits.

The city council, under whose auspices the train is being sent south. The train is in charge of District Passenger Agent John M. Beall, of the Southern railroad, and is due at Ferdinandina at 9:30 a. m. Thursday. The train will bring back about 75 sick soldiers.

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MAY BE DISAPPOINTED.

The Ecclesiastical Establishment at Santiago Clamoring for Pay From the Customs Revenue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Santiago de Cuba says: Customs Collector Donaldson is finding the duties of his office more extensive than he probably had any idea of at first. He has had the difficult task of dealing with the entire ecclesiastical establishment of the province of Santiago.

The entire clergy, from Archbishop Crespo down, sent in the monthly "impress" for the payment of salaries. The archbishop's salary originally was \$18,000, but has been reduced to \$12,000, owing, as stated in the "impress," to the bad condition of the treasury.

To Mr. Donaldson was also presented claims from the professors of the institute schools, police and other bodies, all of whom were paid under the Spanish regime by the head of the customs department.

The claims were tabulated and submitted to Gen. Shafter, who will ask for instructions from Washington.

GONE FOR SICK SOLDIERS.

Departure of a Hospital Train from Philadelphia for Ferdinandina, Fla., on an Errand of Mercy.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25.—The Philadelphia hospital train left here at 8:40 a. m. via the Pennsylvania and Southern railroads for Ferdinandina, Fla., to bring home the sick soldiers of the Third regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, who live in this city. The train consists of four hospital cars, a baggage car fitted up as a kitchen and medical headquarters and two Pullman cars for nurses, doctors and the committee of

ARREST OF MRS. BOTKIN.

The Beginning of the Unraveling of the Delaware Poisoning Case at Dover.

MRS. BOTKIN ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA.

She Declares She Is Ready to Meet the Charge, Which Will Have to Be Proved—John P. Dunning, Husband, of One of the Victims, Claims to Have Disclosed Everything Within His Knowledge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The arrest of Mrs. W. A. Botkin at Stockton on the charge of murdering Mrs. John P. Dunning and Mrs. Joshua Deane at Dover, Del., by means of poisoned candy sent from this city, has excited much interest. In the county jail, after her arrest, she was not at all willing to make a statement of what would be her defense or how she felt about being charged with murder, saying merely:

Ready to Meet the Charge.

"I feel very well, thank you, and am quite ready to go. I have gotten past all the humiliation of the charge. I am ready to meet it."

Mr. Botkin stoutly asserts the innocence of his wife. Detective Gibson, who assisted in the arrest of Mrs. Botkin for the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunning and sister, states that he has no warrant for the arrest of any other woman. He thinks that Mrs. Botkin will break down, and has taken precautions to prevent her from committing suicide.

Mrs. Botkin Was Arrested.

She was much agitated when told she would have to stand trial on a

COALING STATION FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE FAR EAST.



PAGO-PAGO HARBOR, SAMOA, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD A COALING STATION.

where the negroes were unloaded under the guard of deputy sheriffs.

Couldn't Interview the Black Miners.

Several hundred miners were at the union depot to meet the negroes and talk with them, but were unable to do so. All the grounds at the Springside mines are heavily guarded, and no citizens are permitted to pass the lines. The strike leaders have requested Gov. Tanner to take action regarding the mining efficiency of the negroes, and he has answered that he will send state mine inspectors to examine the men.

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TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

A Number of Regiments, Troops and Batteries Designated for Muster Out of the Volunteer Service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Orders have been issued for the mustering out of the following regiments: First Vermont, First Maine, Fifty-second Iowa, Sixth Pennsylvania, Fifth Maryland, Second New York, Second Nebraska, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana, all volunteer infantry; also the battalion of the Ohio light artillery, First Illinois volunteer cavalry, Batteries A and B Georgia light artillery, Twenty-eighth Indiana light battery and the New York and Pennsylvania cavalry troops now in Porto Rico. Other orders to muster out troops will be announced as soon as definite decisions are reached.

Another of Helen Gould's Good Deeds.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—At a meeting of the Woman's National War Relief association at the Windsor hotel Tuesday, it was announced that Miss Helen M. Gould had given \$25,000 to purchase food and delicacies for the ill and wounded soldiers at Camp Wikoff.

Decree for the Convening of the Cortes Signed.

MADRID, Aug. 25.—The queen regent has signed the royal decree convening the cortes for September 5.

charge of murder, but soon recovered herself and said that the charge would have to be proved.

A trunk belonging to Mrs. Botkin was seized in this city by Detective Seymour. Chief of Police Lees has not yet opened it, and will not do so until formal extradition papers are received from Delaware.

John P. Dunning's Statement.

DOVER, Del., Aug. 24.—John P. Dunning, whose wife and sister-in-law were poisoned by candy sent from San Francisco, has made the following statement:

"I have talked with the attorney general and other state officials of Delaware disclosing all facts within my knowledge which could possibly lead to the detection of the person whose act caused this tragedy. From the moment I learned of the fiendish murder of my wife and sister-in-law, upon my arrival in New York from Porto Rico, last Friday, my one desire has been that the guilty should be brought to justice."

Says He Has Withheld Nothing.

I have withheld nothing from the officials which could lead to the detection of the criminal. But for two reasons I must refuse to make any statements for publication. First, because it might defeat the ends of justice, and second, because innocent persons might be involved. I will continue to maintain this course even at the risk of subjecting myself to unjust criticism."

WAS TOO NEAR THE FRACAS.

Hon. Thomas M. Adams Killed in Chatahoochee County, Ga., by Stray Bullets During a Political Fracas.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Aug. 25.—Hon. Thomas M. Adams, democratic nominee for the legislature, has been killed at Giles, a country town in Chatahoochee county, remote from here. The deed was committed in a general row at a political gathering. A dispute between Jeff Davis, a negro-school teacher, democrat, and Wm. Bagley, populist nominee for the legislature, precipitated a general fight, in which several shots were fired. Mr. Adams was a bystander, and received a bullet in the temple and one in the heart. Mr. Adams was very popular.

Broke the Deadlock.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Aug. 25.—The deadlock in the Ninth congressional district republican convention was broken by the nomination of Smith McPherson, of Montgomery county.

The Pilot Was Drowned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The tugboat Marian, of the Pennsylvania railroad, sunk at South Amboy. All the crew escaped except the pilot, James Hennessey, who was drowned.

Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The president has appointed John W. Finney, of Pennsylvania, to be assistant United States treasurer at Philadelphia.

United Typothetæ of America.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 25.—The United Typothetæ of America convened its twelfth annual meeting in the club room of the Hotel Pfister, with about 150 delegates in attendance.

Robbed His Employers.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25.—Edward Fink, employed as check clerk by the Mermod Jacard Jewelry Co., has been arrested for pilfering from his employers, and has confessed. His stealings have covered several months, and have been lavished upon women of questionable repute. Some of the articles have been recovered.

Rochester Instead of Rochelle.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Anton Wozneski, a Pole of Jersey City, died from the effects of a dose of roach poison administered by his wife instead of Rochelle salts, for which he had asked. The drug clerk said she called for roach poison, and he marked it plainly as such. She insists that she asked for rochele salts.

Gen. Miles Waiting for His Wife.

PONCE, Porto Rico, Aug. 23.—(Delayed in transmission)—A cable message announcing that Mrs. Miles, accompanied by her daughter, the wife of Col. Rice, sailed for Ponce on the United States transport Obdam, from Charleston, last Saturday, will delay the departure of Gen. Miles and his staff possibly several days.

Ten Years for Intent to Murder.

GIRRLATH, Aug. 25.—Owen Collan, the solicitor who shot and bludgeoned Mr. Hubert Birkin at the Bristol hotel, Tangier, Morocco, a couple of months ago, after Birkin had insured his life for \$50,000, and made a will leaving Collan \$25,000, has been found guilty of intent to murder and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

River News.

STATIONS.	Gauge.	Change.	Rain fall 24 hours.
Pittsburgh.....	5.0	-1.1	—
Cincinnati.....	19.1	-3.4	—
St. Louis.....	9.0	-1.0	—
St. Paul.....	2.9	0.1	—
Davenport.....	2.6	0.1	—
Memphis.....	17.3	-1.0	—
Louisville.....	7.1	0.0	—
Chgo.....	21.5	-1.3	—
New Orleans.....	6.7	0.2	—

THE MARKET REPORT.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25.

Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS—Flour—Patents, \$2.63 3/4 (new); clear, \$2.60 3/4; 10; straight, \$2.53 3/4; 10; West—No. 2 red, \$2.67 1/2; No. 3, \$2.64 1/2; Corn—No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 2 white, 29 1/2 c; Oats—No. 2, 22c; Hay—Prairie, \$5.00; mixed timothy, \$6.00; 80; clear timothy, sev. \$7.00; 25; 50; Butter—Creamery, 17 1/2 c; dairy, 14 1/2 c; Eggs—Fresh, 12c; Lard—Prime steam, 4.85c; Pork—New standard mess, 10.00; Bacon—Extra shorts, 5 1/2 c; clear rib, 5c; clear, 6 1/2 c; all packed. Wool—Choice unwashed, 25 1/2 c.

Wheat—Futures closed: September, 61 1/2 c; December, 63 1/2 c; May, 65 c.

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CHICAGO—Opening quotations: Wheat—September opened at 63 1/2 c; advanced to 64 1/2 c; then reacted 63 1/2 c; December began at 61 1/2 c; rose to 62 1/2 c; then settled back to 62 1/2 c; Corn—September started at 30 1/2 c; sold off to 30c, firmed up to 30 1/2 c; then weakened to 29 3/4 c; Oats—September opened at 19 1/2 c; advanced to 20c; Provisions—September pork started at \$6.00; declined to \$5.94; September lard began at \$5.12 1/2; rose to \$5.15; September rib opened at \$5.14; and weakened to \$5.10; December, \$5.23 1/2; January, \$5.65; Lard—August, \$